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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED SCANDAL: FIRST CRITICISM OF AMBASSADORIAL  
APPOINTMENT

1. KYODO WIRE SERVICE REPORTED AT 1330 MARCH 3 A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO SENIOR TANAKA FACTION AND LDP LOWER HOUSE MEMBER TOKURO ADACHI TO THE EFFECT THAT THE US GOVERNMENT QTE MADE A FOOL OF JAPAN UNQTE BY APPOINTING AS AMBASSADOR A MAN ONCE CONNECTED WITH LOCKHEED. THE REMARK WAS REPORTEDLY MADE ON THE HEELS OF A MARCH 3 TANAKA FACTION MEETING DISCUSSION OF THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR.

2. COMMENT. THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THE AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT IN A LOCKHEED CONTEXT. IF ACCURATELY REPORTED, IT UNDOUBTEDLY REPRESENTS THE INCREASINGLY DEFENSIVE STANCE OF THE TANAKA FACTION GENERALLY AND THE PARTICULAR FRUSTRATION OF SENIOR FACTION MEMBERS. THE KYODO REPORT CAME AFTER THE NORMAL DEADLINE FOR AFTERNOON PRESS EDITIONS. IT IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS POINT WHETHER EDITORS WILL SUPPRESS OR RUN STORY. THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY THE KYODO REPORT WILL COME IN MARCH 3 EVENING TELEVISION NEWSCASTS AND MARCH 4 MORNING PRESS EDITIONS.  
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